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Summary:

(October 31, 2005)-A public art exhibition about Morris will be unveiled on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Morris Public Library. The event will begin from 7-8 p.m. at the library, and will continue following at the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance in downtown Morris. The public is invited to attend this opening. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

The project is a collaborative effort between the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance and students in a University of Minnesota, Morris sculpture class. UMM students conducted interviews with Morris businesses and residents to gather information on the community's perspective of culturally significant landmarks in Morris.

A storefront window exhibition at Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance will also be on display and will include UMM student sculptures. These multimedia works reflect personal experiences of place, student interactions with Morris residents, and personal responses to the project. Works by Adam Albright, Dan Bier, James Bordewick, Amanda Decker, Mandy German and Directed Study student Gaby Portillo will be on display.

As part of this project, students also created postcards of significant landmarks in Morris. These will be sold at Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance, John's Total Entertainment and Common Cup Coffeehouse for \$1 each. Proceeds will go to the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliances Summer Prairie Camp for Youth.

This project is part of the Service Learning Program/Learn and Serve Grant. Service Learning is a classroom experience that utilizes community service, community based research or other civic engagement activities to meet course goals and community needs. For more information contact Argie Manolis, Service Learning coordinator, at 589-6257 or by e-mail at manolis@morris.umn.edu.

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